CLAIMS

We claim:

1   1. A method for browsing in collaboration space,
2   comprising the steps of:

3   presenting to a user at a browser an interface to said
4   collaboration space;

5   providing in a main window in said interface a quick
6   browse selector;

7   responsive to user selection of said quick browse
8   selector,

9   creating a set of links to control said main
10   window without losing context,

11   displaying said context in a separate quick browse
12   window in a simpler format; and

13   responsive to user selection of an item in said
14   context, displaying in said main window an object

15 linked to said item.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of
2   organizing said collaboration space according to an object
3   model selectively including place, room, folder, page,
4   member, form, field, placetype, roomtype, skin, and placebot
5   objects.

1   3.   The method of claim 1, said simpler format being a
2   hypertext markup language format.

1   4.   The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of
2   implementing said object as a room in said collaboration
3   space.

1   5.   The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of
2   implementing said quick browse selector as a remote control
3   selector in a search results window.

1   6.   The method of claim 5, further comprising the step

2   responsive to user selection of a link to a target page in

3   said quick browse window, of reloading said main window with

4   said target page.

1   7.   The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of

2   implementing said quick browse selector as a remote control

3   selector in a what's new window.

1   8.   The method of claim 7, further comprising the step

2   responsive to user selection of said quick browse selector

3   of enabling random access browsing of links in said quick

4   browse window.

1   9.   The method of claim 8, said links being to objects in a

2   plurality of rooms.

1   10.   The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of

2   implementing said quick browse selector as go there links

3   from a tutorial window, as go there links from a help

4   window, and as go there links from a site map.

1   11. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of
2   generating said site map as a simple rendering of an access
3   controlled table of context hierarchy.

1   12. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

2   displaying said quick browse window in minimal screen
3   space while said user browses target pages and allowing
4   said user to see and access local settings of said
5   target page so as to display context of said target
6   page.

1   13. The method of claim 12, said context selectively
2   including a table of contents, location, folder, parent,
3   responses, ancestors, and/or revisions of said target page.

1   14. A system for browsing within collaboration space,
2   comprising:

3   a browser for displaying a user interface in a main
4   window;

5   a quick browse window;

6   a remote control mechanism displayed in any context in
7   said user interface supporting a quick browse feature
8   for displaying in said quick browse window links to
9   linked pages;

10   said quick browse feature redirecting said main window
11   to a linked page upon user selection of said link.

1   15.   The system of claim 14, said collaboration space being
2   organized according to an object model selectively including
3   place, room, folder, page, member, form, field, placetype,
4   roomtype, skin, and placebot objects.

1   16.   The system of claim 14, said context including search
2   results and what's new contexts.

1   17.   The system of claim 16, said context including help and
2   tutorial windows.

1   18. The system of claim 14, further comprising:

2   said quick browse window being opened responsive to

3   user selection of said remote control mechanism;

4   said link being opened in said main window responsive

5   to said user selection of said link;

6   said quick browse window further providing a remote

7   control on said main window with said links displayed

8   in said quick browse window while said user browses

9   selected links in said main window.

1   19. A program storage device readable by a machine,

2   tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a

3   machine to perform method steps for browsing in

4   collaboration space, said method steps comprising:

5   presenting to a user at a browser an interface to said

6   collaboration space;

7   providing in a main window in said interface a quick

8   browse selector;

9   responsive to user selection of said quick browse

10   selector,

11   creating a set of links to control said main

12   window without losing context,

13   displaying said context in a separate quick browse

14   window in a simpler format; and

15   responsive to user selection of an item in said

16   context, displaying in said main window an object

17   linked to said item.

1   20. A computer program product or computer program element

2   for browsing in collaboration space by

3   presenting to a user at a browser an interface to said

4   collaboration space;

5   providing in a main window in said interface a quick

6   browse selector;

7   responsive to user selection of said quick browse

8   selector,

9   creating a set of links to control said main

10   window without losing context,

11   displaying said context in a separate quick browse

12   window in a simpler format; and

13   responsive to user selection of an item in said

14   context, displaying in said main window an object

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